

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 694

By Burks

A RESOLUTION recognizing Billy G. Smith.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those Tennesseans who, throughout their years of industry, have dedicated themselves to the highest tenets of public service and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Billy G. Smith is one such individual who, at the age of seventy-five, remains a vibrant and enthusiastic member of his community and citizen of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Billy Smith was one of seven children born to Perry H. and Ella Mayberry Smith of Jackson County. His father was a guard at the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville when Mr. Smith was a young boy, and during his formative years, time was often spent roaming and exploring the Gothic prison structure and its grounds, experiences which shaped him in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, his knowledge of the prison and the grounds were of great benefit to the Department of Correction recently, when he was able to point out locations of interest to officials seeking to uncover the history of the prison and the plantation upon which it was built; and

WHEREAS, Billy Smith is now a well-known and highly-respected resident of Cookeville. After having spent the past twenty-six years as a field representative for Congressman Bart Gordon, Mr. Smith is embarking upon a new path. He is founding a business which will help those who are applying for Social Security benefits, one more endeavor in a long line of careers which have defined Mr. Smith as a dedicated and interesting individual; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Billy Smith left the family farm on Blackburn's Fork in Jackson County to work in factories in Detroit. He was quickly promoted to foreman at one factory and even held two factory jobs at the same time; and

WHEREAS, he later served and protected the community as a member of the Cookeville Police force and was elected by voters to serve as sheriff. He also rendered sterling service as the food and beverage manager at the Holiday Inn, owned a restaurant in Monterey, and is the owner and manager of a complex of buildings on Willow Avenue; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Smith has been a beacon of friendliness to others and his dedication to serving his community and the State of Tennessee are without peer, and it is wholly fitting that he be recognized by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Billy G. Smith, applaud the many ways he has improved the lives of others, and extend our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.